



A Call For Digitally Accessible Discipleship

Digital Accessibility is ensuring websites, apps, and digital content are designed and developed so people with disabilities can fully and independently use them, including all types of disabilities- visual, auditory, physical, neurological, speech, and cognitive. Source: W3.org Introduction to Web Accessibility

<https://www.w3.org/WAI/fundamentals/accessibility-intro/>

Not all text-based digital materials are designed for use with assistive technology.

Use

- Best- HTML (web pages)
- Good- EPUB (can change font sizes, colors, & margins)
- Caution- PDF's (must be properly tagged & structured)

Avoid

- Scanned PDF's (needs Optical Character Recognition & tags)
- Image-based formats (JPEG, PNG, GIF, BMP, and TIFF)

Source: CodeMantra.com Accessible Digital Content in Publishing

<https://codemantra.com/accessible-digital-content-in-publishing>

1. How does digital accessibility benefit people of all abilities?
2. What makes discipleship inaccessible for you and/or people in your church?
Identify the barriers:
3. What accessibility tools for discipleship work for you and/ or people in your church? (Visual, Auditory, Cognitive, Physical, Speech, Neurological)
4. What can I do to make Bible study more accessible in my environment?
What specific steps can I take?

Simple Digital Features for Accessibility

Auditory

- Video Captions
- Live Captions
- Video Transcripts

Physical

- Keyboard Shortcuts
- Voice-to-Text
- Assistive Touch
- Touch Screen
- External Switches
- Eye Tracking/Gaze
- Keyboard Navigation
- Voice Control (Siri, Hey Google)

Speech

- Live Speech
- Personal Voice Creation
- AAC - Alternative Augmentative Communication

Cognitive

- Live Text/Google Lens
- Focus Modes
- Highlighting
- Reader Modes
- Reading Ruler
- Links to Expand Learning
- Vocab. Support/Word Wise

Visual

- Screen Readers
- Screen Magnifiers
- Text-to-Speech
- Contrast Modes
- Font Adjustable e.g., Open Dyslexic
- Voice Control (Siri, Hey Google)
- Voice-to-Text
- Alt Text for Images

Check out our [CHART](#) of accessible Bible study!



ADVOCATE for digitally accessible Bible study using this short survey! Share your needs and preferences with Bible study publishers.

<https://overcomerministries.com/chart/>

